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AVONDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the
Avondale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Avondale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. as of and for the year ending December 31, 2002 and the related statements of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Volunteer Fire Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

I conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph, presents fairly in all material respects, the financial position of Avondale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. as of December 31, 2002, the results of its operations for the year then ending in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.


Justin A. McCarthy, CPA
Avondale, Louisiana
January 15, 2003

AVONDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL TYPES AND ACCOUNTS GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Type		Account Group		Total Memorandum Only
	General Fund	General Fixed Assets	Long Term Debt		
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 161,588	\$	\$	\$	161,588
Due from U. S. Treasury	9,754				9,754
Equipment		845,953			845,953
Amounts to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Debt			146,835		146,835
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 171,342	\$ 845,953	\$ 146,835	\$	1,164,130
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LIABILITIES					
Liabilities					
Payroll Taxes	\$ 565	\$	\$	\$	565
Long Term Debt			146,835		146,835
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 565	\$ 0	\$ 146,835	\$	147,400
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FUND BALANCES					
Investment in Fixed Asset	\$	\$ 845,953	\$ -	\$	845,953
Fund Balance	170,777				170,777
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	\$ 170,777	\$ 845,953	\$ 0	\$	1,016,730
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 171,342	\$ 845,953	\$ 146,835	\$	1,164,130
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

AVONDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

REVENUES	
Jefferson Parish - Contract	\$ 360,000
Jefferson Parish - Truck Subsidy	15,000
State Insurance Rebate	9,282
Interest	1,122

Total Revenues	385,404

EXPENDITURES	
Employee Cost	339,799
Vehicular Cost	12,678
Building Cost	18,964
Firefighting Cost	7,509
Administrative cost	20,131
Debt Service	0
Capital Expenditures:	
Building	0
Furniture & Fixtures	5,267
Firefighting Equipment	2,240

Total Expenditures	406,588

Excess Expenditures over Revenues	(21,185)
Other Financing Sources	0

EXCESS EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(21,185)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	191,962

FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 170,777
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AVONDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Statement of Presentation

The accounting and reporting policies of the Avondale Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide and as prescribed by Statement 1, Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles, published by the National Council on Governmental Accounting.

The Avondale Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. was organized as a non-profit corporation to provide fire protection to a prescribed sector of the 7th Fire District, Parish of Jefferson.

B. Basis of Accounting

Governmental Funds are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting wherein revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable.

C. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Avondale Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. did prepare a informal budget for the year ending December 31, 2002 for internal use. A formal budget is not required by law therefore it is not presented in this report.

NOTE 2. Sources of Revenue

Avondale Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. is one of five contractual fire companies of the 7th Fire District, Parish of Jefferson. The 7th Fire District of the Parish of Jefferson levies a ad valorem tax on assessed property of the district. The sum of this collection is equally divided between the five contractual volunteer fire companies of the district on a monthly pro-rata basis. The 2002 monthly allocation to each fire company was \$ 30,000. In 2002 a service charge of \$2.00 was also levied on each household and business. This was collected by the Parish and allocated with the ad valorem tax.

In the past the Parish of Jefferson also paid a direct subsidy on a monthly and quarterly basis based on the number of stations. This was discontinued in the year 2002.

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DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE 3. General Long-Term Debt

\$ 146,835 - Kansas State Bank of Manhattan, Manhattan, Kansas.
Ten yearly payments of \$ 34,291 at 5.7 %. Two payments were
made in 2001. Five payments remaining. This was for the
purchase of a ladder fire truck for \$ 362,000.

The Jefferson Parish 7th Fire District will subsidize these
note payments with a \$ 15,000 payment from a 2 mill ad
valorem tax collected by the Parish and remitted to the
fire company yearly.

NOTE 4. Changes in General Fixed Assets

General Fixed Assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the
general fund at the time of purchase. Such assets are capitalized at
cost in the general fixed assets group of account. Depreciation has
not been provided on general fixed assets. A summary of changes in
fixed assets follows:

	Balance 1/1/02	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/02
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 62,330			\$ 62,330
Equipment	776,116	7,507		783,623
	\$ 838,446	7,507		\$ 845,953
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NOTE 5. Employees

Avondale Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. has 12 employees designated as
chauffers. The Salaries range from \$16,000 to \$29,000.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of the
Avondale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.


I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Avondale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. as of and for the year ending December 31, 2002 and have issued my report thereon dated January 15, 2003.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts applicable to the Fire Company is the responsibility of the Fire Company's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the Fire Company's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. However, the objective of my audit of the general purpose financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests indicate that, with respect to the items tested, the Fire Company complied in all material respects, with the provisions referred to in the preceding paragraph. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to my attention that caused me to believe that the Fire Company had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors, management and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.


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REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE RELATED MATTERS
NOTED IN A FINANCIAL AUDIT CONDUCTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of the
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I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing my audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Fire Company for the year ending December 31, 2001 I considered its internal control structure in order to determine my procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the Fire Company is responsible for the establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.


For the purposes of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures in the following categories: cash receipts and cash disbursements.

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, I obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and I assessed the control risk.

My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

I noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. My comments and recommendations about other financial matters which might come to my attention during the audit will be presented on a separate report to management.

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Justin A. McCarthy, CPA
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January 15, 2003.